(d) whether any help has been sought from the National Commission for Women; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The Department of Women and Child Development has not conducted any survey on the subject. However, Prayas, an NGO is undertaking a survey on child abuse in certain States.

(b) The survey has not been completed so far.

(c) to (e) It is upto Prayas, the organization which is undertaking the survey, to take into consideration all information available with National Crimes Records Bureau, National Commission for Women and others, if required.

UGC grants to Tamil Nadu

1996. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any UGC grants have been received by the Universities and colleges in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of the criteria for receiving such grants; and

(c) the number of Degree Colleges which are not in receipt of UGC grants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The UGC provides grants to eligible universities and colleges included under Section 2(f) and declared fit to receive central financial assistance under Section 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956.

(c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are about 33 colleges in the State of Tamil Nadu which have not been declared fit to receive central financial assistance (including UGC grant) under section 12(B) of UGC Act 1956.

Opening of New Anganwadi Centres

†1997. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government regarding opening 92834 funded Anganwadis under the Integrated Child Development Scheme;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken so far any decision on this proposal;

(c) if so, the number of the funded tribal and non-tribal Anganwadis set so far on the basis of their population;

(d) the number of the proposals still pending for approval; and

(e) if not, by when Government are likely to take a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra submitted a proposal for sanction of 44 additional ICDS Projects and 12864 additional Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme which have already been sanctioned.

(c) In Maharashtra, 372 Projects and 75580 AWCs were already sanctioned, which included 41 tribal projects with 7938 AWCs. Of the 44 additional Projects and 12864 additional Anganwadi Centres sanctioned recently, the number of tribal Projects and AWCs is 9 and 3406 respectively.

(d) and (e) The Government of Maharashtra has submitted another proposal for sanction of 11311 additional Anganwadi Centres/Mini-Anganwadi Centres, based on relaxed population norms. The same will be considered as and when further expansion of ICDS Scheme is undertaken in the second phase.

Out-dated structure of higher education

1998. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present structure of higher education is out-dated;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the higher education need a far reaching structural reconstruction; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (d) Reforms in higher education are carried out as a continuous process. The objective of this process is to make higher education an effective promoter of sustainable